

**Amendments To The Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended): ~~Isolation~~ Method according to claim [[1]] 10, ~~obtained from a in~~  
which the covering composition [[which]] is produced by mixing a multiple-component system.

3. (Currently Amended): ~~Isolation~~ Method according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~obtained from a in~~  
which the covering composition [[which]] is produced by mixing a two-component system.

4. (Cancelled):

5. (Currently Amended): ~~Isolation~~ Method according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~obtained from a~~ wherein  
the covering composition [[which]] immediately after mixing has a rheological flow-on  
behaviour when applied in the mouth and within one second after application has such a stability  
that the applied composition does not run down or spread.

6. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~obtained from a covering~~  
~~composition, of which~~ wherein the cross-linking begins within 20 seconds after mixing the  
components and is so far advanced within 40 seconds after mixing the components that the  
composition is solidified as rubber-elastic.

7. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~obtained from a covering~~  
~~composition, of which~~ wherein the cross-linking begins within 10 seconds after mixing the  
components and which is so far advanced within 20 seconds after mixing the components that  
the composition is solidified as rubber- elastic.

8. (Currently Amended): Method according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~obtained from a covering~~  
~~composition, of which~~ wherein the cross-linking begins within 5 seconds after mixing the  
components and is so far advanced within 10 seconds after mixing the components that the  
composition is solidified as rubber-elastic.

9. **(Currently Amended)**: Method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 10, ~~[[which]]~~ wherein the cross-linked covering composition can be easily removed in one piece from the mouth without leaving any trace.

10. **(Currently Amended)**: Method for isolating tooth material to be treated with liquid dental treatment means to protect the surrounding ~~[[gums]]~~ gingiva from the liquid dental treatment means, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing a covering composition which cross-links in a self-curing manner at an ambient temperature in the mouth interior on the gingiva and produces an elastomeric material which adheres to the gingiva, wherein the covering composition is selected from the group consisting of A-silicones, C-silicones or polyethers, and

applying the covering composition in a flowable state onto the gingival around and not onto the tooth material to be treated, the covering composition after cross-linking in a self-curing manner at ambient temperature adhering to the gingiva ~~onto the gums~~.

11. **(Original)**: Method according to claim 10 in which the area of application is dried before the application of the covering composition.

12. **(Previously Presented)**: Method according to claim 10, in which the components are mixed with one another before and/or during the application of the covering composition.

13-15. **(Cancelled)**.

16. **(Currently Amended)** Method according to claim 10, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ applying the covering composition to ~~adjacent teeth~~ adjacent to the tooth material to be treated.